

In Loving Memory of
Barbara Jean (Smith) Wilkes

Sunrise
July 11, 1935

Sunset
June 25, 2016



Service

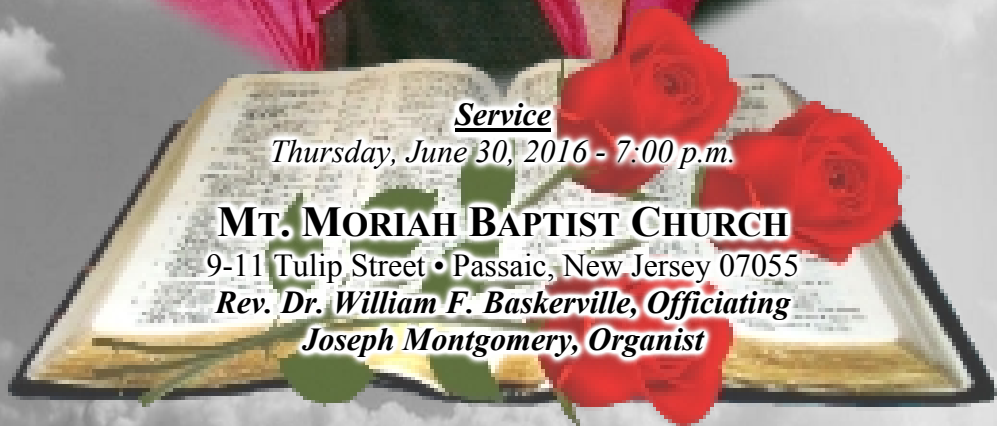
Thursday, June 30, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

9-11 Tulip Street • Passaic, New Jersey 07055

Rev. Dr. William F. Baskerville, Officiating

Joseph Montgomery, Organist



Obituary



Barbara Jean Wilkes, age 80, peacefully passed away on Saturday, June 25, 2016. Her strong will to live, unwavering faith in God, and the love and prayers of family, friends, and many supporters carried her through a period of illness, which has sadly transitioned her to the next phase of life. Originally of Pacolet, SC and long-time Passaic, NJ resident, she was one of seven children born to the late Walter Smith and Linell Collossie Gregory on July 11, 1935.

Migrating from the South to the North during the early part of her adult years, she set her sights on achieving her goal to teach. Education and teaching was Barbara's passion and delight. She dedicated a number of years attending school/college in order to receive her certifications to teach. Barbara was a pre-school teacher for the Passaic community, working a number of years at early childhood development centers helping to develop the education foundation for many of the youth. Aside from teaching, she had a strong love for church and spent most of her life dedicated to God and His teachings.

She was a lifelong member of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and not only loved to share the good word of the Lord, she also loved to praise the Lord through song hymns as a participant in the church's choir and traveling gospel group, The Gospelettes.

Throughout her life, she maintained a sweet and simple demeanor that won the trust and hearts of many, who even now are being changed by her witness of constant nurturing love and faith. Known for her ease in frequent conversation with even total strangers, she possessed a contagious smile that attracted all to her. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her constant smiling, and selfless acts of kindness, will never be forgotten.

Possessing a true servant's heart, Barbara faithfully cared for family and friends. She cared tremendously for her family and as the head member, she ensured all received equal love and support. A woman of faith and the heart of her family, Barbara consistently worked to shape their spirituality by her tireless Christian example.

Barbara is preceded by her parents, Walter Smith and Linell Collossie, father-in-law, Furman Wilkes, siblings, Ida McCoy, Thelma Greenridge, Robert Smith and Sally Zakary, children, Janice Feaster and James Wilkes, grandchild, Chatigua Feaster, sons-in-law, Ronald Brinson and Alan Feaster.

She is survived by: her husband, James Wilkes; mother-in-law, Annibel Wilkes; brother, Joseph Smith; sister, Carolyn Gilliam; sister-in-law, Betty Smith; brothers-in-law, Harold Wilkes, Eugene Wilkes and Robert Wilkes; children, Walter Sanders, Gwen Brinson, Jacqueline Sanders, Cherie Freeman, Thelma Sanders, Betty Wilkes, Joseph Wilkes, and step-son, Darryl Littlejohn; she also leaves behind sixteen grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, God-children and friends. All of which will keep her memory alive and close to their hearts.

Order of Service

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| The Prelude..... | Bro. Kenny Montgomery |
| The Processional..... | Clergy and Family |
| First Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-11..... | Deacon John Coney |
| Second Testament Reading Corinthians 5:1..... | Deaconess Ella Coney |
| The Prayer of Comfort..... | Deacon Willie Green |
| Poem..... | Jacqueline Sanders |
| Selection..... | Mt. Moriah Choir |
| Letter of Inspiration..... | Carolyn Gilliam |
| Acknowledgements/Tributes/Resolutions..... | Sis. Elizabeth Gray |
| The Obituary..... | Sis. Elizabeth Gray |
| Selection..... | Mt. Moriah Choir |
| The Eulogy..... | Rev. Dr. William F. Baskerville, Jr., Pastor Mt. Moriah Baptist Church |
| Selection..... | Mt. Moriah Choir |
| Remarks..... | Funeral Director |
| The Committal | |
| Benediction..... | Pastor Baskerville |
| Recessional | |

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

The Lord Is My Shepherd

I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.



Acknowledgements

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation every thought and act of kindness extended towards them during this time. May God bless you all.

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